

CAT FLAMES.

Small Grocery House of J. Brown Destroyed.

Extensive Conflagration Ever in the City.

Best and Fine Work Prevents Flames from Spreading.

Probably Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars.

A disastrous conflagration which the city occurred at a late night, in which the grocery house of Joseph H. Brown, corner of Throckmorton street and Second, was completely destroyed. How the fire originated is not known, but an alarm was turned out on the streets saw a fire in the northwest portion of the city, and soon a fire issuing from the second of the immense wholesale building on the corner of Throckmorton street.

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SEAS OF FLAME.

An Acre of Massive Buildings Ravaged by the Flames in the Heart of Philadelphia.

Nine Business Houses Completely Destroyed and Ten Others Scorched—Two Men Killed.

One of the Largest and Finest Office Blocks in Chicago Reduced to Smoke and Ashes.

FLAMES IN THE QUAKER CITY.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 19.—A destructive fire occurred this morning on Chestnut street, between Second and Front streets. The locality was devoted entirely to large warehouses and business houses.

The fire originated in an unknown manner in a five-story brick structure at No. 120 Chestnut street, occupied by Stephenson & Co., Getz & Stratton, Richard A. Blythe and Grasse & Co., dealers in cotton and wool. After the fire was discovered and the flames burst from the windows, the front of the three upper stories fell out and crashed down into the street. The loud noise thus made caused a rumor that an explosion had also occurred, but it is not yet known whether or not there were any explosives in the building. When the wall fell a laborer, John McKay, who was engaged in removing a safe from an adjoining building, was buried by the falling bricks and instantly killed. A horse attached to a horse cart, standing in front of the building, was also killed. The flames spread rapidly to the buildings on the east and Nos. 123 and 121, Chestnut street, were enveloped in flames. The former building was occupied by Irvine C. Beatty & Co., dealers in worsted yarns, the latter by George H. McKadden & Co.

LATER—Nine large business houses were almost completely burned out. Ten were badly damaged.

The burned buildings are as follows: Stephenson & Co. and Irvine C. Beatty & Co. E. Sablisch & Co. Thirlin & Co. The Camden Woolen Works. G. H. McKadden & Co.

This includes all the buildings on the north side of Chestnut street between Second and Lehigh, except the Corn Exchange. The National bank is not injured, except in the rear, but as the fire is still burning it is in great danger. The fire spread to the right and left, and two buildings on Second street are badly affected.

M. Humer & Sons' building on South Second street is totally destroyed, and Pitkin & Thomas, at 45 South Second street, is damaged.

The first building to take fire on Lehigh street was H. R. Bennett & Co. The flames spread to Bedell & Weiss, Jos. W. Scully and an empty warehouse adjoining them. The corner building became ignited, thus completing the square.

At 11:35 a. m. the firemen had the fire fully under control. The loss is very heavy, a rough estimate is that it will not be less than \$200,000. Two men were killed.

THE FLAMES AT CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 19.—A fire is now raging with great fury in the Grannis block, on east side Dearborn street, just south of Washington. The fire started at 5:45 p. m., and half an hour later it was found necessary to turn in a general alarm. Twelve engines and a stand-pipe are now playing on the flames. An immense crowd of several thousand people is watching the apparent destruction of one of the finest office blocks in the city. At the time the fire broke out the employees in the offices of the building were preparing to leave for the night, and as far as learned all escaped in safety. The fire is said to have originated at the bottom of the elevator shafts, where the past week a new boiler was put in and new improvements made. The latest reports say the flames are not yet out, and already the loss by fire and water is very considerable.

One hour from the discovery of the fire it was plain that the whole block must go. The flames had then burst through the roof and brilliantly illuminated the scene for blocks around. Twenty engines were now pouring enormous volumes of water into the burning building, yet the flames seemed to defy all attempts to suppress them.

At 8:15 the roof fell and a rumor that the walls were on the point of falling scattered the crowd in all directions. The flames poured out of every window in front above the second story and it was feared that it would be impossible to save the Portland block on the corner of Washington and Dearborn streets, adjoining the burning building. On account of the intense cold weather it was difficult to employ the engines to the best advantage. Occasionally a pipe would burst and it would be several minutes before water could be brought again to play where most needed. The stand-pipe did good service in drenching the adjoining walls where there was danger of the fire catching.

In the Grannis block are two banks; they are the Continental National and the National Bank of Illinois. Their vaults had been closed and the officers of both institutions said they were not at all anxious as to the safety of their funds. The building is for the most part occupied by lawyers, architects and insurance agents, many of whom will lose everything contained in the offices. It is now known that two of the most valuable law libraries in the city are destroyed, besides valuable papers. The Grannis block was erected thirteen years ago by W. C. D. Grannis, president of the Union National bank of this city. It cost \$175,000. The building was insured for \$120,000. It is estimated that the losses on furniture, etc., will amount to nearly \$75,000.

The fire was practically under control at 9 o'clock.

A BLAZE IN AN ORPHAN'S HOME.

EASTON, Pa., Feb. 19.—A fire broke out shortly after 2 o'clock this morning at the Thorton orphan's home in South Bethlehem. It was discovered by one of the attendants who immediately

woke the occupants and had them quickly removed to the adjoining buildings. When the firemen arrived all the fire-plugs were found frozen. A bucket brigade was formed at once and the fire was extinguished. The children were returned to the building, but they were so badly frightened that they refused to go to bed.

ROUND ROCK.

A Passenger Train Jumps the Track.

ROUND ROCK, TEX., Feb. 19.—Some miscreant attempted to wreck the Georgetown train this morning. The train, consisting of the engine and coach, left on time at 10:50 a. m. When half way between here and Georgetown the engine and coach jumped the track. A large wagon-wheel was fastened down in a cattle-guard. The train was running slowly and no one was hurt. Some of the passengers walked to Georgetown and others waited and were carried in hacks. The railroad company offers \$500 reward for the arrest of the parties.

Our merchants have bought a carload of kerosene, which has produced a cut in that article. The Water-Pierce company, who have had a monopoly of the state, have put the price down to \$2.50 a case for Dupon and \$1.85 for Brilliant.

CURRENT TEXAS COMMENT.

The Mexia Ledger does not think that the state of Texas is not yet ready for a law making it compulsory upon parents to send their children to school for a certain number of months in the year, and hence the bill with that end in view recently introduced in the house ought to be defeated in the committee room. If education, says the Ledger, "was a remedy for all the evils the human race is heir to, it might be proper to enact such a law. Give us plenty of free schools of the right kind, and they will be attended."

The Sulphur Springs Echo is a very hopeless newspaper, and says: "No man has introduced a bill in the Texas legislature up to this writing to increase the intellectual and moral tone in each hemisphere of the brain of each man, woman and child in Texas. It is plain that this will have to be done before the present status of individuals and society is changed for the better. We fear the legislature knows little of the constitution of themselves or their constituency, for whom they have been chosen to legislate."

The Rusk Standard evidently sees political things through different glasses from those used by the Waco Examiner. Not as a threat, but as a prediction, the Standard says: "Barney Gibbs of Dallas will be next governor of Texas."

WASHINGTON'S DESCENDANTS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The monument commission has arranged to write to all the kith and kin of the Father of his Country to assemble in the room of the senate library committee next Saturday, that they may proceed in a body to the house and take seats assigned them. There are thirteen descendants bearing the original family name of Washington. They will occupy seats together on the floor. The number corresponds with that of the original colonies.

Remember the Alamo.

San Antonio Light.

The Alamo building was given to San Antonio as a trust, but there is no denying the fact that it has not received the attention it deserved, and possibly the many sharp criticisms made against the city in the legislature were not altogether out of place. Implied obligations sometimes have to be fulfilled as well as those actually made.

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102. Building site, 10x120 on Montgomery Hill, fronting on Summit avenue. Low price and easy terms.

103. Dwelling of 4 rooms on Belknap street, lot 5x120, street cars pass the door. Price \$11,500.

104. Five dwellings, all new, situated on Crump street, 4 lots. A good chance for an investment as the property rents readily. Price \$4,500.

105. Building lot 10x120 on West Broadway, about 175 feet west of North Main street, convenient to street cars and in the most aristocratic quarter of the city. An investment of 4000 and 5000 dollars. Price \$2,500.

106. Building lot 10x120, fronting Belknap street, lot 5x120, street cars pass the door. Price \$11,500.

107. Residence of R. E. Harris, 10x120 feet corner of West Broadway and Galveston avenue. The improvements are as follows: a convenient and comfortable 4 room house, wood and coal sheds, good kitchen, etc. Very cheap at \$7,500.

108. A desirable homestead, house of 4 rooms and kitchen, all well furnished, also a small building used for an office, water, gas and sewer connections. Lot 10x120 feet, convenient to street cars. Price \$11,500.

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111. Good residence, 4 large rooms. Lot 10x120 feet, corner Florence and Weatherford streets. Price \$11,500.

112. Building lot, 17 fine city lots bounded by Belknap, First, Peach and Hampton streets, convenient to street cars. Price \$11,500.

113. Easy payments, 25 fine building lots, south of T. & P. railroad, in Brokers' subdivision, convenient to street cars. A good chance to get a home. Terms of payment: Price \$200 to \$500 each. 5 and 10 months call at our office and examine map of subdivision.

114. Two-story dwelling, 4 rooms, healthy neighborhood, fine location, and in easy payment. Lot 10x120 feet, lot 5x120 feet, lot 5x120 feet, lot 5x120 feet. Price \$11,500.

115. Dwelling house, 4 rooms, lot 10x120 feet, corner 1st and Grove streets. Price \$11,500.

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117. Southside residence, 4 rooms, lot 10x120 feet, corner 1st and Grove streets. Price \$11,500.

118. Building site, 10x120 feet, lot 5x120 feet, lot 5x120 feet, lot 5x120 feet. Price \$11,500.

119. Cottage house, 4 rooms and bath on lot 10x120 feet, corner 1st and Grove streets. Price \$11,500.

120. House of 2 rooms, one 14x16, the other 12x16, on lot 10x120 feet, corner 1st and Grove streets. Price \$11,500.

121. Two-story house, 7 rooms, 2 wide hallways and well furnished throughout, city water, good b. r. n. etc., lot 10x120 feet, situated on North Main street, corner Broadway. Very cheap at \$7,500.

122. Ten lots in block No. 25, Field's addition, (Brooks & Bailey's subdivision), 60x120 feet each, on Wheeler street, near street railroad. Price \$125 each.

123. House of two rooms, lot 10x120 feet, lot 5x120 feet, lot 5x120 feet, lot